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FOR SECRETARY FROM ROBINSON

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SUBJECT: AFRICAN MISSION - UK SUPPORT

1. AFTER MY MEETING WITH PETER RAMSBOTHAM TODAY FOR A DISCUSSION OF OUR AIR TRANSPORT DIFFERENCES, HE EXPRESSED SERIOUS CONCERN OVER WHAT HE CONSIDERED A MISUNDERSTANDING AS TO THE UK SUPPORT FOR YOUR CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS. HE ASSURED ME THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WANTED TO ASSURE YOU THAT THEIR CONTINUED QUESTIONING OF DETAILS SHOULD NOT BE INTERPRETED AS ANYTHING LESS THAN 100 PERCENT BACKING FOR YOUR IMPORTANT ENDEAVORS. RAMSBOTHAM ADVISED ME THAT CROSLAND WILL BE SENDING A MESSAGE CONFIRMING THIS TO YOU DIRECTLY. THIS REASSURING EFFORT MAY REFLECT A NEW APPRAISAL OF YOUR CHANCES FOR SUCCESS. ROBINSON

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